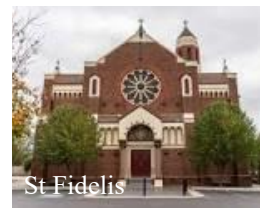
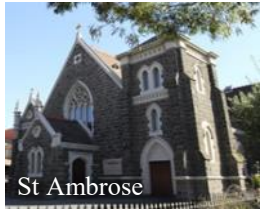


# BRUNSWICK MORELAND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27th August 2023

### MASS TIMES

#### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (OLHC)

Friday 10:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

#### Communion Service

Wednesday 10:00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

#### ST AMBROSE'S

Thursday 10:00am

Sunday 10:30am

#### Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

#### ST JOSEPH'S

Wednesday 10:00am

Saturday 6:30 pm

(First Saturday only)

Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm

#### Communion Service

Tuesday 10:00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

#### ST FIDELIS

Tuesday 9:15am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

#### Italian Mass:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:30am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fourth Saturday:

10:30am—11:00am

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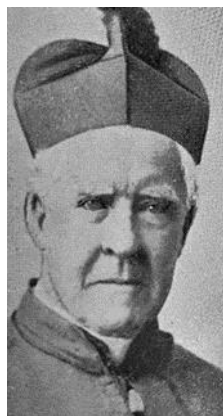
Office: 287 Sydney Road, Brunswick 3056

New email: [bmcc@cam.org.au](mailto:bmcc@cam.org.au)

New website: [bmccatholiccommunity.org.au](http://bmccatholiccommunity.org.au)

### CELEBRATING 150 YEARS ST PAUL'S CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED AT PENTRIDGE

Arriving in 1848 at the age of 36, **Bishop James Goold** was appointed as the first Catholic bishop for Melbourne. He immediately set to work overseeing the construction of church buildings for the ever-increasing Catholic population of Melbourne. By 1850, the foundation stone for St Paul's church in Pentridge (later named Coburg) had been laid. The first priest appointed to this new mission was **Fr Patrick Dunne** who had arrived from Ireland that same year. Fr Dunne's mission extended from the Brunswick area into the far north of the diocese. He also acted as chaplain to the infamous Pentridge Prison. By then, gold had been discovered in Victoria and the builder abandoned a half-built St Paul's church to try his luck on the goldfields. So, for some time, Mass was held in either the roofless church or a marquee on the site, depending on the weather. It was not until 1855 that the first St Paul's church was finally finished and dedicated by Bishop Goold.



Taking over from Fr Patrick Dunne, **Fr Charles O'Hea** arrived in Coburg in 1853 from Ireland. The Catholics of Brunswick continued to attend Mass at their parish of St Paul's in Coburg. Fr O'Hea served the parishioners of the area for almost 30 years, as well as being chaplain to the prison. He was well known for his charitable works and dedication to his people. To show the esteem in which he was held, a street near St Paul's church has been named after him. As we will soon see, Fr Charles O'Hea was instrumental in establishing St Ambrose's church in Brunswick.

*Pictures: Bishop James Goold (top) and Fr Charles O'Hea*

### MILITELLO FESTA—ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH This Sunday 27 AUGUST 2023 AT 10.30AM

The Militello Festa in honour of San Salvatore and Maria della Stella will be celebrated at St Joseph's on Sunday 27 August at 10.30am followed by Benediction. All welcome!

### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,  
the master of the palace:  
I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.)** *Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. **I thank** you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. **I thank** you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. **The** Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf John 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL  
SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation who cares for our Retired and sick Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Please donate using the envelopes on the pews or electronically by logging on to:

[www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation)

or clicking [HERE](#) and make your donation through Paypal. Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

**Reminder: First Sunday  
of the Month Cuppa**

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September is our next "First Sunday of the Month Cuppa" to be held at St Ambrose Parish Centre, after 10:30am Mass. All Welcome!

**Thank you** **ST JOSEPH'S FUNDRAISING  
CAMPAIGN**

St Joseph's Parish is undertaking a program of necessary maintenance work. We are running a special fundraising campaign to meet the cost of \$60,000. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Thank you to all who have graciously donated. Donations are gratefully accepted via direct debit or giving envelopes.

**Direct debit: 'St Joseph's Fundraising'**

**BSB: 083 347 Account number: 4551 992 63**

**To date \$13,675 has been donated.**

*We thank God for those who have gone before us,  
and built the church, the school and the parish.*

**DINNER/LUNCH IN SMALL GROUPS**

It is the time again when we come together to share a meal with our friends from the parish. Father Linh has offered to share a meal as will other hosts.

We gather on a Saturday night or a Sunday for lunch. I have placed a sign up sheet on the front table at OLHC and St Ambrose if you wish to host or be a guest.



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**RCIA WORKSHOPS  
STARTING SOON!**

How does God  
make a difference  
in my life?

How do I  
come to know Jesus  
& be alive in Him?

What does being  
Catholic look like in  
my daily life?

Catholic formation & initiation for adults  
commencing September in Brunswick & Moreland  
Contact Margaret 0457 906 513

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**



**Festa di maria SS di  
Servigliano Montemurro**

Domenica  
17 Settembre 2023

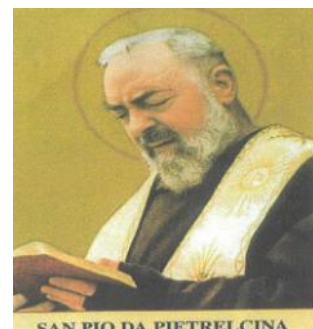
**Festa Liturgica Di San  
Pio Da Petralcina,**

24 Settembre

2:30pm Rosary

3pm Mass

Further details to be  
advertised  
in the coming weeks



SAN PIO DA PIETRELcina



## COMMUNION SERVICE and SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

### CANCELLED

at ST JOSEPH'S

at 10AM on

**TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

due to closure of MELVILLE Road  
and due to TRAM works.

**Resume again  
on TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**St Joseph's Divine Mercy Prayer**

**Every Friday at 3pm.**

**You are invited to join us for a Holy Hour.**



### TUESDAY MEDITATION

**Meditation sessions available for anyone  
interested in practising this type of prayer. A face-  
to-face session is held 3pm every Tuesday in the  
Spirituality room, St Ambrose Parish Centre.**

A zoom session is held at 7.30pm every Tuesday  
evening. No experience required—For more information contact Jo  
Bennett (0401148133; [jbennett@joeb.com.au](mailto:jbennett@joeb.com.au))



with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social  
Justice Statement for 2023-24. This year's statement,: Listen, Learn, Love:  
"We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters  
and brothers on the peripheries of society."

Go to [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or click [HERE](#)

Australia's  
Catholic Bishops  
have called on the  
nation to seek "a  
new engagement"

### PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Linh Pham and Fr Tho Tran

### PARISH STAFF

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49 Clarendon Street,  
Coburg 3058

**St Ambrose's Brunswick**

287 Sydney Road,  
Brunswick 3056

**Our Lady's East Brunswick**

49 Nicholson Street,  
East Brunswick 3057

## PRAYERS OF INTENTION

	ST AMBROSE	OLHC	ST FIDELIS	ST JOSEPH
<b>SICK</b>				
<b>RECENTLY DEC'D</b>	Carmelina Comande	Giuseppe Amoroso Carmelina Comande	Carmelina Comande	Carmelina Comande
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	Anthony Fasciale Domenica Fasciale Victoria Fasciale	Francesco Naccarata Anthony Fasciale Domenica Fasciale Victoria Fasciale	Anthony Fasciale Domenica Fasciale Victoria Fasciale	Silvio Paoli (1 year) Filiberto Paoli Violet O'Connor John O'Connor Eileen Fingleton Biddy Connelly Keith Leslie Anthony Fasciale Domenica Fasciale Victoria Fasciale

*We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental responsibility, of our parishes.  
The Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available, on the  
website: [bmccatholiccommunity.org.au](http://bmccatholiccommunity.org.au)*